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To: Members of Association Research Libraries

At the request of the Farmington Plan Committee, Dr. Jerrold Orne, Librarian, University of North Carolina, undertook a survey of the CIA Library Acquisitions Program in Washington. A copy of his excellent report is enclosed.

Those of you who attended the ARL Special Conference on the Farmington Plan in Chicago last January will recall the lengthy discussion of the Central Intelligence Agency and the relation of its acquisitions program to the Farmington Plan. On the basis of Dr. Orne's report, it would appear that the two programs do not seriously over-lap and both need to be continued.

We are indebted to the CIA officials for their cooperation in this study and for their willingness to make the information available to ARL members.

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P.S. The exhibits accompanying Dr. Orne's report are too voluminous for reproduction but are available in the Farmington Plan Committee files.